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Method and System Using Same**

Group Art Unit: **2828**

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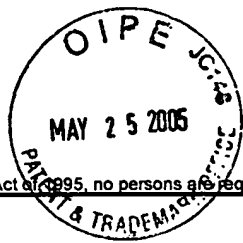
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